

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

State Water Resources Control Board

United States Army Corps of Engineers

United States Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region

Permitting/CEQA/NEPA for Forest Service Projects

May 21 & 22, 2014

Agenda

May 21 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Presenters: Barry Hill – USDA Forest Service Regional Office

Nancy Haley – US Army Corps of Engineers

Elizabeth Lee – Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

Rajmir Rai – Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

Rich Muhl – Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

Angela Wilson - Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

Sue McConnell - Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

Trevor Cleak – Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

Marisa Van Dyke – Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

Kim Morales - USDA Forest Service

9:00–9:30 Overview of Water Quality Regulation on National Forests in CA

9:30-10:45 404 Permits

- **Triggers**
- **Application Process**
- **Coordination between Agencies**

10:45-11:00 Break

11:00-12:00 401 Water Quality Certification

- **Triggers**
- **Application Process**
- **Coordination between Agencies**

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00-1:30 Storm Water (e.g. Construction General Permits)

- **Triggers**
- **Application Process**
- **Coordination between Agencies**

- 1:30-2:00 Timber Harvest Waivers**
- Triggers
 - Application Process
 - Coordination between Agencies
- 2:00-2:30 Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List**
- 2:30-2:45 Break**
- 2:45—5:00 Group discussion of projects to illustrate when Forest Service projects and activities trigger state permitting requirements and which of those actions or permitting requirements trigger CEQA.**

May 22 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

**Presenters: Kenneth Bogdan – State Water Board
Laura Hierholzer – USDA Forest Service**

- 9:00–9:30 Introduction to Workshop**
- Recap from Day 1
 - Objectives
 - Materials
- 9:30–10:45 CEQA and NEPA Legal and Regulatory Framework**
- Purpose and Objectives
 - Legal Authority
 - Integration
 - Terminology
 - Preparing Joint Documents
 - Using NEPA for CEQA Compliance
- 10:45–11:00 Break**
- 11:00–12:00 Preparing Joint Documents**
- Key Participants
 - Applicability
 - Timing
 - Process Overview
- 12:00–1:00 Lunch**

1:00–1:30	Preparing Joint Documents (continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scope of Project/Action • Exemptions and Exclusions
1:30– 2:15	Initial Studies/NDs & MNDs and EAs & FONSI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial Studies and EAs • Negative Declarations and FONSI • Trigger for EIR and EIS
2:15–2:30	EIRs/EISs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOP, NOI, and Scoping • Purposes • Content Requirements
2:30–2:45	Break
2:45–3:15	EIRs/EISs (continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noticing and Decision Making Process • Joint Document Considerations
3:15–4:45	Key Issues and Challenges of Integration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Range ○ Level of Analysis ○ No Project/No Action • Environmental Setting/Affected Environment • Baseline • Impact Analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Significance Determinations ○ Special Topics ○ Cumulative • Mitigation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Requirement ○ Adequacy • Monitoring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Triggers ○ Types
4:45–5:00	Questions and Answers